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Patent Application

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Title: Network Communication System Using Assigned  
Timeslots For Nodes To Request A Bandwidth  
Amount For Data Transmission A With Resulting  
Grant For The Node To Transmit

PATENT APPLICATION

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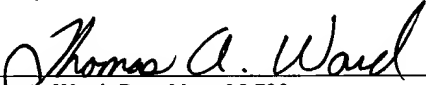
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Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-identified utility patent application that was granted special status. The subject patent application was filed on or after June 8, 1995 and this paper is being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313 is granted; (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated. 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a).

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**Transmitted with this communication are the following:**

- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

**Small Entity Statement**

- ☒ Applicant(s) qualify for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

**Special Status**

- ☒ This application was granted special status in a Decision on Petition To Make Special mailed June 6, 2003.

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- ☒ A fee of \$395.00 is due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination.

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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	<u>80</u> -	<u>80</u>	<u>0</u>	X \$ 9.00 X \$ 18.00	\$0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b))	<u>8</u> -	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	X \$ 43.00 X \$ 86.00	\$0
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Respectfully submitted,

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